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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Walter R. Rankin of Herrin, who passed away on July 9, 2012; and

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WHEREAS, Walter Rankin was born on January 22, 1936, in Maringouin, Louisiana; his parents were Carl W. and Lena (Zwick) Rankin; and

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WHEREAS, Walter Rankin was employed by Norge (Maytag) and General Dynamics; he retired from Johnson Control in Cadiz, Kentucky in 1994; after retiring, he lived in Sebring, Florida, where he fished with many of his friends, including his fishing buddy, William (Bill) Barton; and

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WHEREAS, Walter Rankin enjoyed working in tool and die engineering; he was also an avid reader and enjoyed westerns and suspense thrillers; and

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WHEREAS, Walter Rankin was preceded in death by his parents; his brothers-in-law, Joe Molla and Wayne Yohe; and his sister-in-law, Juanita (Gulley) Rankin; and

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WHEREAS, Walter Rankin is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Brenda and John Brewster, and their children,

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1 Travis and Patrick; his stepson, Randy Sellars, and his
2 daughters, Casey Slavin, Torrie Sellars, and Danny Sellars; his
3 brother, John W. Rankin, and his children, Karla Rankin and
4 Kevin Rankin; and his sisters, Louise Molla and her children,
5 Christine Shadewalt, Mary Baker, and Matthew Molla; Lanora Yohe
6 and her children, Rhonda Parrott and Cindy Bagley; and Cathy
7 Collins, her husband, Dennis Collins, and their children, Brian
8 and Valerie; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
11 his family and friends, the passing of Walter R. Rankin; and be
12 it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to the family of Walter Rankin as an expression of
15 our sympathy.